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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, January 10.

Fatal Accident on the Railway.

(Special to the Colonist.)

SPENCES BRIDGE, B. C., Jan. 9.

An accident occurred 3½ miles east of here about 2 p. m. yesterday. The tender of an engine going west jumped the track and struck a bridge, causing the engine almost to go into the river. The engineer was slightly and the fireman fatally injured. The accident was caused by a land slide. The fireman, Thos. Gibbon, has since died.

B. C. Board of Trade.

The quarterly meeting was held yesterday. Among those present were Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., Mr. Noah Shakespeare, M. P., Mr. Speaker Mara, Mr. Ritchie, J. P., (Hawaiian Consul); Mr. R. Ward, (Swedan and Norway consul); R. P. Finlayson, (Lloyd's agent); Mr. Joseph Spratt and many others.

Resolutions were passed in reference to explosives on vessels; fees relating to arbitrators were revised and returns of shipping and trade were furnished. Matters relating to canned goods (see elsewhere) were discussed.

The following gentlemen were elected members: Geo. S. Clark, A. Cowan, W. Gordon, S. Lowenberg, W. T. Livock, Joseph Lowen and Louis Rch.

The deaths of Ld. Lowenberg and Peter McQuade, members of the board, were reported amid expressions of deep regret.

It was reported that Mr. Baker, M. P., the efficient secretary of the board, contemplates retiring. His resignation will be severely felt by the board and his place will be difficult to fill.

Large Mail.

The steamer yesterday brought an exceedingly large mail, eighty sacks of the various matter being received. The post-office staff as a consequence were rushed to their utmost capacity, but Victoria letters were assorted in about two hours as well as a large quantity of papers. A number of bags of the latter are still to be assorted. The inside of the postoffice presents a rather confused appearance with sacks of papers and mail bags lying around and piles of letters on the tables ready to be forwarded to mainland. The staff has worked hard and satisfactorily, and no confusion or trouble has as yet been experienced.

We understand that six or seven hundred sacks of mail matter have arrived at Tacoma and a consignment of this will be over on to-day's steamer. The plan of forwarding it in this way is the best that could have been adopted, for had it come in a heap, inextricable confusion must have been a consequence.

Suppression.

Yesterday morning Dr. Jackson informed a reporter of this paper that the mayor had requested him to investigate the case of Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh, whom he Dr. Jackson found were suffering from typhus fever. Having completed his investigation, Dr. Jackson submitted his report to the mayor, in which he stated that the cause of the decease was bad drainage. His worship ordered the chief to suppress the report and the mayor's order left in the hands of Wadds early morning. The above is not the only instance of the mayor's boasted fidelity to the city's cause. Mr. Mills, of Fell & Mills, called at the office last evening and informed us that he had sent a bill of costs against the corporation in the case of the recent seizure. The mayor ordered this to be suppressed and told the clerk to say nothing about the matter.

Weight of Canned Goods.

In deference to the wishes of the various boards of trade the Ottawa government have instructed their officers not to enforce the section of the Weights and Measures Act which requires the weight of canned goods to be stamped on each can. This will be welcome news for the canners of this country.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.—Mr. John, M. P. P., met his constituents at Agricultural hall, South Saanich, on Thursday night, his colleague, Mr. McTavish, being prevented from attending by illness in his family. Mr. Radford, Mr. W. H. Williams, Mr. J. Holden and others spoke. Last night Mr. John spoke at Lake and to-night he will speak at Cedar Hill.

FRASER river opened yesterday and the steamer Idaho from Tacoma went to New Westminster.

What Some People Say.

That the thaw has extended to Montana, and the stock is considered safe.

That the admiralty will shortly build a drydock at Halifax.

That the Archbishop of Paris has issued a bitter pastoral against freemasonry which, he says, is contrary to the law of God.

That Labouchere, the radical M. P., who edits what is called a society paper, and makes his journal the medium for tradeing the private characters of public men and women, has turned his attention to Canada. He says the Dominion is hardly fit for Laplanders, Eskimo or polar bears, and he tells his readers that if they wish to settle in a country where there is anything like "go," they should steer for any place but Canada.

That the French and Chinese now behead the killed on both sides. They seem determined to get ahead of each other in some way.

That the doctors and undertakers rarely cross each other in election fights. Mutual respect, bred of mutual knowledge, neutralizes all fear of collision between them.

That the next man that comes into this sanctum and uses the expression "painting the town red," dies. We can stand a thing thirty or forty years, but no longer.

That when a man is courting his best girl he dreads to walk with her in the vicinity of an ice cream or oyster saloon, but when he marries he has to keep a sharp lookout for millinery and dress-making establishments, too.

That a Michigan couple were married one day and divorced the next. She had bad luck with her first pie.

That Count Tolstoi, Russian minister of the interior, is in constant dread of his life, and is closely guarded.

That Russian finances are in a deplorable state.

That it is usual in the east to speak of a rich man as having got the "rocks." If the ratepayers will turn to the civic financial report they will see that the mayor and council have got the rocks—$5,424 worth of 'em!

That a load of hay lost its balance on Blanchard street yesterday and toppled into the mud.

That a Mormon missionary who lately brought over fifty Swiss females for the Utah colony promised each of them three husbands. There are various ways of moving a woman.

That "it is too bad," she said, coming into the dining-room, "but that nice pan of cream in the cellar was soured by the thunder-storm last night, I don't know what to do with it." "Isn't the widow Jones having a hard time of it with her three little children!" he asked. "Yes, she is a wretchedly poor, I understand." "Well, you had better give it to her."

That Fay Templeton is seriously ill. Overwork is the cause.

That Dr. McLagan, bishop of Litchfield, has horrified society by a slashing sermon on the immorality which he said pervaded [illegible] Incredible state of affairs was found, and the tide of morality was at its lowest ebb. This was largely due to the overcrowding of tenements, but vice was rampant where this excuse did not exist. In very high society in London impurity was not frowned down, but winked at and even cajoled.

That a New York bride cried bitterly the other day because there were so few people at church to witness the ceremony.

That there are no old maids in Boston. They call themselves "bachelettes."

That in Eastern Kentucky girls often marry at the age of twelve years, and a grandmother at twenty-four is not a rarity.

That some years ago the old woman housekeeper of the Duke of Devonshire died and left her lord $100,000. She had, like all her kind, "tips" from visitors.

That it is said that Mary Anderson's arms are so long that she can wrap them three times around Romeo's neck.

Municipal Police Court.

Before Mr. Edwin Johnson.

FRIDAY, Jan. 9, 1885.

Stuart vs. Ah Pow—The defendant is charged with "playing in a common gaming house," an offence created by the Canadian Act, 40 Vic., c. 33, s. 4, which act amends the previous act 38 Vic., c. 41. The law on this subject is fully explained in the recent case of Jenks vs. Turpin (33 Q. B. D. 505.)

The defendant was taken into custody on the second of November last in a house described as a new brick house reputed to be the property of Kwong Lee & Co., situated on the north side of Cormorant and Store streets in this city, and in a room of that house situated on the road to Low Tim alias Capswallow. Mr. Helmcken for the defence contended that this is not a sufficient description of the place where the alleged offence was committed; and he relies on the judgment of Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., in the case of Ou Hing v. Pemberton, in which it was held that the conviction should at least state the number of the lot. But that was a case in which a particular locality was an ingredient in the offence charged; and I cannot think that the learned chief justice intended the ruling to apply to other cases. The general rule is that the place, viz: the parish, etc., wherein the offence was committed, must be stated in order that the offence may appear to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the magistrate.—(1 Burns' Jus., 30th ed., p. 1113). Any stricter rule would, in the great majority of summary convictions, and, I think, of indictments also, defeat justice altogether. Whether the house in question was a common gaming house is purely a question of fact (Jenks vs. Turpin, supra). It is proved to my satisfaction that it was a common gaming house; and no attempt has been made to prove the contrary. The room was found provided with means for unlawful gaming, and was used for gaming, and apparently for nothing else. And that the defendant was playing in it is also clearly proved. Whether the game played, Tan-tan, is in itself an unlawful game, it is not necessary to decide. It is unlawful if played in a common gaming house. It is a game of chance rather than of skill; and money is, and in this case was, staked upon it.

After the case for the prosecution had closed Mr. Helmcken raised the objection that no copy of the information had been served on the defendant, and in support of the objection quoted the case of Blake vs. Beech, 1 Ex. D. 320. In that case the ruling was simply that an information is essential as the foundation of a conviction; and the judges were not unanimous as to that. Here there was an information. It was read to the defendant, and he pleaded "not guilty" to it without objection.

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ISLAND RAILWAY.—Slowly but surely the iron-horse is pushing his way to Victoria. Mr. Dunsmuir, president of the Island Railway, advertisers for tenders for constructing 20 miles of track from Esquimalt northward.

Municipal Council.

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The special meeting of the council was held at 3:20 yesterday afternoon in the city hall.

Present—His Worship Mayor Carey, and Couns. Wriglesworth, Vigelius, Porter, W. A. Robertson, J. Robertson and J. Boyd.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement was presented showing a balance of about $7000 to the city's credit.

Coun. Vigelius—We are ahead, your worship.

The mayor said that he was glad to be able to state that they were ahead, and had accomplished more work than any previous council.

Coun. Wriglesworth said in moving the adoption of the report that this was the first council that had come out with a balance during the four years he had been in the council. The statement should silence all those who have spoken against the present council, and it was very gratifying to have such a showing.

Coun. W. A. Robertson in seconding the motion said that he thought they might congratulate themselves on the showing and it was an agreeable one to him and would be a disagreeable surprise to others who had often spoken against the business capacity of the council. They had not only a good showing in regard to financial but also in regard to the health of the city.

The mayor said that in previous years old maps and sidewalks that could be recovered had been put in as assets, but this year such had not been done. It was a fair showing of the work and of the assets.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Coun. Wriglesworth said that it was usual to publish the financial statement in all the newspapers and as a last friendly act it should be again printed in all papers.

Coun. Boyd—The People also.

Coun. Wriglesworth thought some of the papers had done all in their power to make a bad showing for the council. He would therefore move that it be printed.

Coun. Vigelius said he would second that motion. Carried.

The mayor said that the hall was unsafe and he thought the Philharmonic hall should be rented for the public meeting of the citizens on Saturday evening.

Moved by Coun. W. A. Robertson, seconded by Coun. J. Robertson that the Philharmonic Hall be rented as a cost not exceeding $20. Carried.

Coun. Wriglesworth said there was one matter that he wished to have done. There was a resolution on the minutes of the council authorizing the paying of $2500 for the electric light company for the purpose of taking over the light. He thought they should go out of office with out leaving any unfinished business. He would therefore move that the amount be paid and the light taken over.

Coun. Vigelius said that he had been the seconder of the resolution referred to and would also second the present motion, in justice to the electric light company and themselves. They had the funds now [illegible]

Coun. Wriglesworth said that if the by-law had been carried for the taking over the electric light the city would now have double the light that it possessed at present. The balance that was on the report was their's to dispose of and as there was a resolution on the minutes to take over the electric light, he would move a resolution to the effect that $2,500 be paid and allow the the new council to finish the payment of it.

Coun. W. A. Robertson asked if there was an agreement with the company when the balance of the money was to be paid. He believed the mayor had given the casting vote in the matter of taking the light over.

The Mayor—You are mistaken; I never gave any such casting vote. It is not on the records.

Coun. Robertson—It might not be on the minutes, but he had sat there when the vote was given. The electric light bylaw was a villainous bylaw, and one that they could not go by law with. They could not annul the contract, and he did not see that they could do better than take the light over.

The motion was read; it was that $2,500 be paid over in accordance with the resolution of the council in July last.

Coun. Boyd said he would be very sorry to see the electric light taken over, as he thought it was a perfect bilk. (Laughter). You may laugh, but it was so, and he thought it was wrong for them at the last meeting of the council to take over the light, for it should be left to the will of the people. The stock was probably not worth half what it was placed down for. The light was not as good as gas, and they could make a contract for gas, a far better and cheaper light. The bylaw could be annulled, as the Official had said so. The life of it is that he was opposed to taking the light over.

Coun. Vigelius said that the gas company came at the eleventh hour to make an offer of cheap gas. If it had not been for the Low Tim alias Capswallow. Mr. Helmcken for the defence contended that this is not a sufficient description of the place where the alleged offence was committed; and he relies on the judgment of Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., in the case of Ou Hing v. Pemberton, in which it was held that the conviction should at least state the number of the lot. But that was a case in which a particular locality was an ingredient in the offence charged; and I cannot think that the learned chief justice intended the ruling to apply to other cases. The general rule is that the place, viz: the parish, etc., wherein the offence was committed, must be stated in order that the offence may appear to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the magistrate.—(1 Burns' Jus., 30th ed., p. 1113). Any stricter rule would, in the great majority of summary convictions, and, I think, of indictments also, defeat justice altogether. Whether the house in question was a common gaming house is purely a question of fact (Jenks vs. Turpin, supra). It is proved to my satisfaction that it was a common gaming house; and no attempt has been made to prove the contrary. The room was found provided with means for unlawful gaming, and was used for gaming, and apparently for nothing else. And that the defendant was playing in it is also clearly proved. Whether the game played, Tan-tan, is in itself an unlawful game, it is not necessary to decide. It is unlawful if played in a common gaming house. It is a game of chance rather than of skill; and money is, and in this case was, staked upon it.

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A Noted Brewer Burned to Death.

On the evening of Jan. 3d, the youngest son of John Weiland, proprietor of the Philadelphia Brewery, San Francisco, went into the cellar of his father's house to get some oil with which to run a toy engine, and took a candle to light his way. In drawing the coal oil from a can the escaping gas exploded. He dropped the can, and the asphaltum floor was soon covered with burning oil, setting fire to his clothes. Mr. Wieland, in attempting to extinguish the flames in the cellar, was caught by the fire, and before he could escape his clothes were ablaze. He ran up to the kitchen, where his children, Herman and Bertha, assisted in extinguishing the flames, in doing which the clothing of the young lady caught on fire. She ran to her room, where she was followed by her mother and Officer Videau, who smothered the fire with blankets, but not until the young lady's limbs and back had been frightfully burned, and her hands so badly scorched that the skin peeled off. The physicians summoned found that Mr. Wieland was seriously burned about the lower limbs, back and hands, and he died the next day. Bertha was frightfully burned, and will probably die; but the two boys are not much injured.

Court of Appeal.

FRIDAY, Jan. 9.

MCLEAN VS. SEA.

This was a case in which appeal was made to set aside the decision of the Chief Justice in favor of the defendant. Before a sitting of the full bench of the Supreme Court yesterday judgment was rendered reversing the decision of the Chief Justice. The facts of the suit are that by will, the executor, Mr. A. McLean, was authorized to sell 60 acres of land to settle debts of deceased. The land was sold as 60 acres more or less and on being surveyed was found to be 117 acres in extent, which the plaintiffs in the first case claimed. As it was in evident confliction with the will the executor appealed to have the decision reversed as above, which was done yesterday.

Marine.

Ship Challenger sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo on the 7th.

Steamer Euphrates, from Newport for Victoria, touched at St. Vincent Dec. 27th, and sailed again on the 28th.

The German bark Magne left for Tacoma yesterday morning under full sail. The bark will load lumber.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL.—At the meeting yesterday Mr. Caspar Van Allman, the mortgagee of the Commercial Hotel, having through Mr. S. Perry Mills offered the creditors to pay fifty cents on the dollar, in nine, twelve and eighteen months, his offer was accepted.

THE hearing of the Thrasher case by the British Privy Council has been postponed until June. Mr. Theodore Davie will arrive here in a few days from London, having left that city about the 18th of December.

THE new law courts in London, though one of the most expensive and most costly buildings in the world, have been constantly abused by the judges for being cheerless, draughty, and in every way uncomfortable inside.

WOOLEN MILL.—Mr. J. Nelson of Toronto, an experienced woollen miller, had an interview with the provincial secretary yesterday respecting the erection of a woollen mill in the province.

THE celebrated Russell property which adjoins the Railway Syndicate's lands on False creek is now for sale by Rand & Lipsett, real estate brokers, Victoria, B. C.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR.—Mr. E. H. Fletcher has been appointed inspector for the British Columbia postoffice division. The appointment will give much satisfaction here.

THE Dominion parliament will meet for the despatch of business on the 29th of January.

LOGS on Puget Sound have gone up to $6, and lumber has risen $1.

From the Daily Colonist, January 9.

TURNED OUT OF BED.—On the last trip of the Princess Louise a practical joke was played by the up-river on the down-river passengers. It appears that the latter, expecting to be called at six in the morning, had retired for the night at the hotel at Port Moody. When about two o'clock the landlord's call was heard for Victoria passengers to get up and go to the steamer, as the time of departure had been changed to three instead of seven o'clock. The cold shivering the little band walked a mile over slippery ties and frozen ground, whilst the late weather-bound emigrants took possession of the warm beds, and laughed themselves to sleep at the expense of the turned-out passengers. Dr. C——— says Sam, A——— swore worse than "our army in Flanders" at being turned out of a warm bed, for a hoax.

ARTISTIC.—Messrs. Hall & Lowe, photographers, have on exhibition some specimens of "ivory finish" photographs. These are painted over the photo negative after the style of ivory miniatures, and are a very good substitute for that lovely class of work for lockets, watches, brooches, etc. The few that are shown are really elegant in their finish and reflect credit on the artist.

CALENDARS.—We are in receipt of several very useful calendars from the stationery hands of T. N. Hibben & Co., M. W. Waitt & Co. and J. B. Ferguson & Co, the latter being embellished with a lovely picture of a dove on the wing.

LOOKED LIVELY.—The crowd of men who passed from the Sound steamer up Wharf street yesterday afternoon gave quite an animated appearance to the street. Eighty five passengers arrived by yesterday's boat.

LONDON FINANCES.—Bank of British Columbia, £20 shares are £22 @ £23; Bank of British North America, £50 shares, £55 @ 57; Bank of Montreal, $200 shares, $372.50 @ $373.50.

MR. RITHET'S COMMITTEE met last evening. The rooms were filled. Great interest was manifested and confidence expressed. The town will be thoroughly canvassed.

FUNERAL PARADE.—The members of the artillery will parade at drill shed to-day at 1 o'clock for the purpose of paying their last respects to their late comrade, gunner Swanwick of No. 4 battery.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The Princess Louise left for New Westminster this morning at 7 o'clock with mails and freight, a special trip, made necessary by the accumulation of mail matter at the postoffice.

FREIGHT.—The steamer Princess Louise will take to New Westminster to-day all the bonded freight which has accumulated at the outer wharf since the Fraser river was closed.

THE nomination for mayor and councillors will be held at the city hall to-morrow.

FROM KOOTENAY.

Arrival of Mr. Galbraith, Member for the District.

SOME ROUGH EXPERIENCES

Mr. R. S. Galbraith, member of the legislative assembly for Kootenay district, arrived in Victoria by the Sound steamer yesterday and is stopping at the Driard. A reporter called on Mr. Galbraith in the afternoon who gave some interesting Kootenay news and his experiences on the late trip, having been one month and three days on the road. Leaving Sand Point, Idaho, on the 15th December he was on the first train that got caught in the snow on the 17th December between Wallo and Wyeth. There were quite a number of British Columbians on the train and also a large number of emigrants booked for the province. After being snowed in for five days Mr. Galbraith left the train with the rescuing party that started for Cascade Locks, where he was very hospitably entertained by Mr. F. J. Carrell, assistant engineer of the works. Here he also met Mr. Hope and his wife, old British Columbians, who showed him many kind favors. Prior to starting out Col. Howlett of the Oregonian, who was also on board the train and the life of the party, begged Mr. Galbraith not to start, as he did not think him capable of undertaking the journey and offered to share his rations with him, the bill of fare among the passengers having been reduced to two crackers and a bit of bacon per day. The Colonel was the cheeriest man in the party, was full of humorous stories and whiled away many of the hours with his pleasant talk. However, Mr. Galbraith told him he was used to that kind of travelling and four days after arriving at Cascade Locks, started for Bonnerville. Here he found Gen. Anderson and party snowed in and after spending one night in the chief engineer's car, through the kindness of Mr. S. D. Sanborn, purchasing agent of the Northern Pacific, he took passage by construction train to Osoonto. From this point he had to walk to Multnomah Falls, six miles distant, the snow varying in depth from 4 to 50 feet. The surface of the snow was covered with ice three inches thick, and in this notches had to be cut in order to gain foothold sufficient to prevent him falling into the Columbia river, as it was open along the edge. Occasionally for stretches there was such a depth of snow that the telegraph wires could be held on to and walk along with this novel assistance. From Multnomah Falls Portland was reached by train, ending one of the most difficult and dangerous trips Mr. Galbraith said that he had ever experienced during his fourteen years residence in the country. At Portland Mr. J. G. Norris, collector of customs, accompanied Mr. Galbraith as far as Sand Point, on official business, and was to return to his post as soon as the storm subsided. Mr. J. C. Rykert, collector at the northern boundary, was met on his way to Kootenay Lake.

THE MINE MACHINE BURNS.

Mr. Galbraith brings further particulars of the horrible murder committed on the 27th of November near the line of the C. P. R. Mr. H. Baird, after having sold his cargo of liquors was returning to Montana, accompanied by a packer named Harry and a young man named Drainard. At an open point on the trail the robber had ensconced himself, and as Baird passed he fired at him, the ball taking effect in his chest. Drainard, who was ahead, put spurs to his horse and rode on, hearing two other shots. Afterwards he heard that Harry had been shot in the leg. The packer rode towards Kicking Horse, and Drainard on returning found Baird's pack, the lashing out and effects scattered around. Baird's body was lying on the trail with his clothes all cut open and even his socks pulled off. A party was immediately formed and started in pursuit of the murderer, but up to the time of Mr. Galbraith's departure had not been successful. A reward of $250 was offered by the government and citizens. Mr. Vowell, Kootenay gold commissioner, on hearing of the murder, dispatched two officers to Kicking Horse, to assist the officers at that place in their endeavors to discover the murderer. Baird was well known in the early days of Kootenay, having been connected with many of its mining enterprises.

THE MINES.

The output of the mines has been very favorable for the past season. The lower Kootenay lake section is creating a great deal of interest on account of recent discoveries of quartz of rich quality. A syndicate of New York capitalists has been formed, under the name of the New Haven Smelting Co., who are already engaged in building a road to connect Bonner's Ferry, I. T., with Mud Slough on the Northern Pacific. The manager, Dr. Blandford, was also here, but left before completed, intends bringing in a sawmill and smelter to the works at the lake, and has purchased in Portland the machinery for a steamer, which he intends building, to be used on Kootenay river, between Bonner's Ferry and the mines. Recent assays show that the mines on the lower Kootenay are much more valuable than at first supposed, and Mr. Galbraith brings with him a large number of rich samples of the ore.

Mr. Vowell, gold commissioner, intended leaving for Victoria about Christmas. Traveling was very unpleasant owing to a heavy fall of snow along the Moyead trail.

RAILWAY NEWS.

Before leaving Portland Mr. Galbraith heard of the arrival of Mr. Burdick, of St. Paul, Minn., who came for the purpose of arranging about supplies for the Canadian Pacific railway, to be shipped via Colville, W. T., early in the spring.

When Mr. Galbraith left Kootenay the line had got as far as the east crossing of the Columbia, which was supposed to be the end of the mountain section.

NEW SETTLERS.

There was a great demand for land in Kootenay district and quite a number of very desirable settlers had located during the past season. Among others, Lieut.-Col. Jas. Baker had taken up 7,000 acres at Skookum Chuck for the purpose of engaging extensively in dairy and stock farming. Capt. E. Parker has taken a location at Columbia Lakes, which is now called Windermere.

JUDGE WANTED.

The want of a supreme court judge has been much felt during the past season. About eleven prisoners were awaiting trial when Mr. Galbraith left. He thinks the government should make provision to supply this want at the coming session.

BUSINESS.

The business of the district has been large for the past season and a great increase is anticipated during the present year. The health of the district was also good.

POSTAL DELIVERY.—Last evening there were at times 25 and 30 men awaiting turns at the general delivery. During the afternoon the ladies delivery was open, and we might suggest to the authorities the desirability of late in the evening, between 6 and 7, allowing the sterner sex the opportunity of applying at this wicket also. It must be very annoying to remain in line half an hour before getting a chance to ask for letters.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES BETHUNE, Q. C.—This noted barrister died at Toronto on the 22d ult., after a short illness. He was only 44 years of age.

THE mayor and his faithful councillors will meet the ratepayers at Philharmonic Hall this evening.

New Westminster.

(Columbian).

Yesterday morning some dynamite cartridges were exploded on the ice in front of Ewen & Co.'s wharf for the purpose of clearing it away. The attempt was not successful, as the explosions merely made holes in the ice without breaking it up. It was finally cut with axes and sent adrift.

A lady and gentleman arrived in this city the other day with decided matrimonial designs. The man was connected with the steam shovel, which has been for some time operating at the Mission. The woman comes from Whonock. The two, we are told, became deeply interested in each other and concluded that life was not worth having unless it could be two lives sweetly blended in one. They started for Fort Moody on a hand car, came to this city on the stage, and were married yesterday morning.

A Handsome Residence.

Mr. John Hill, contractor, has just completed a handsome villa residence for Mr. E. G. Prior, on Pemberton street, about a stone's throw from Government House. The house faces the sea and is one of the most conveniently-arranged dwellings in the province. It has spacious drawing, dining and breakfast rooms, large kitchen, six sleeping apartments, a nursery, bathroom, hot and cold water in every room, electric bells and every modern convenience. The staircase is a marvel of beauty, and the grates, hearths and mantelpieces are tiled and tesselated in high art style. The doors and bases are of black walnut, and the entire structure is creditable to owner, architect (Mr. John Teague) and contractor.

Personal.

Mr. Hugh F. Keefer, Dr. Chisholm, S. Adler and Rev. Mr. Beaulands were passengers by the Princess Louise yesterday.

Mr. Raybould, M. P. P. for Nanaimo, and Mr. Galbraith, M. P. P. for Kootenay, were among the arrivals yesterday.

Mrs. H. Croft, and Messrs. Graham & Bunk were passengers by the Enterprise yesterday from Chemainus.

Among the Comox passengers by the Enterprise we were glad to see Mr. Dingwall, M. P. P., Messrs. R. and S. Cliffe, J. and M. King, Lewis Casey and E. Legg.

Rev. Mr. Wood of Cowichan was a passenger by the Amelia yesterday.

Mr. Christie, who has been appointed night operator at the Victoria telegraph office, arrived yesterday.

Mr. Shakespeare, M. P., will sail for Ottawa to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Trutch will sail for Ottawa to-morrow.

Marine.

The Queen of the Pacific will be put on the Sound route shortly.

Steamship Oregon made her last run from New York to Queenstown in 6 days, 6 hours and 52 minutes, the fastest ever made across the Atlantic.

Steamships Wellington, Occidental and Peru will take cargoes of Y. C. Co.'s coal.

Steamship Wellington and bark India are awaiting cargoes of Wellington coal.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Cleared—Steamship Empire for Victoria; bark Arcturus, Port Townsend. Sailed—Steamship Mexico, Victoria.

The Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The Oceanic arrived this afternoon with Hong Kong advices to the thirteenth and Yokohama to the twenty-third. The rumor that Jardine, Matheson & Co. made a loan of five million taels to the Chinese government, is confirmed. Two hundred thousand have been paid on its account. The loan is made with the avowed purpose of building railroads to the immense coal deposits west of Peking, which are the richest in the world. The work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

It is reported that the young emperor is engaged, and will soon marry the daughter of Duke Charles, brother of the Empress Dowager.

The North China Daily news says: "United States Minister Young and Vincent Smith visited the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, and proposed to him that the Chinese government give them a contract for collecting revenues in all these provinces as well as a monopoly of all the government's purchases, the government to pay them 5 per cent. on the total amount of the transactions. The proposition was declined.

Tien-tsien advices state that the losses of the French troops in Formosa from fever and dysentery are enormous, and that as a consequence, Admiral Courbet's ships are seriously undermanned.

Mexico's Passengers.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Williams, R. McLeese, Miss L. Borcherg, J. W. Williams, E. J. Johnson, F. A. Getz, J. Redout, G. Newman and two Chinese, J. Fry, John Lanspise, J. Johnson, J. Geroux, A. Kasson, Jno. Currie, J. C. Cohn, C. Leefries and T. Benton.

THE Wellington fire is out.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SHARES are $46.50 in the London market.

FOR THE DRYDOCK.—About fifty men arrived by the Sound steamer yesterday in charge of Mr. McGreevy. They will be employed by the contractors of the drydock. These men came on the first undelayed through train. Work will be commenced just as soon as possible.

THE RETURNING OFFICER TAKES A NEW TACK.—Mr. Reginald Nuttall, editor of The People, is also returning officer. A week ago we pointed out the impropriety and danger of the editor of a partizan paper holding the position of returning officer at an election. Yesterday's issue of The People confirmed our opinion. Originally a supporter of Mr. Fell's candidature The People has come out as a supporter of Mr. Carey and the present council. Is Mr. Fell about to retire in Mr. Carey's favor? or has the dual capacity of the editor of The People sapped his independence? We fear it is a case of God and Mammon. The present mayor and council are Mr. Nuttall's employers. Hence his sudden change of heart.

NANAIMO.—Mr. M. Bate, present incumbent, and Mr. Donald Smith, are standing for mayor. The Free Press denies that Chinamen were stoned on the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf; they were only snow-balled. Shafts 3 and 4, Wellington colliery, are still sealed.

THE legislature will be opened to-morrow afternoon by the lieut.-governor.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS.—Forty-nine vessels took lumber from the Columbia river in 1884, aggregating 22,206,500 feet.

FRED. MCINTIRE, who was arrested at Victoria for kicking in the door of the Dew Drop Inn, Nanaimo, was fined $10 and costs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—North Pacific coast, partly cloudy with local rains. California, local rains followed by fair weather.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The reichstag reassembled to-day. During the debate on the budget estimates for the ministry, the interior immigration question was discussed at length. Boetticher, minister of the interior, stated that the immigration law was still in embryo. Bismarck replied that the new tariff had resulted in bettering the condition of the people. Germany should be able to grow the corn she consumed, if the condition of the farming industry should be improved by an increase of duties on corn. He objected to everything that went wrong with Germany being laid at his door. He appealed to the country to judge between himself and Reichter.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The National Gazette says that the American delegates to the Congo conference explicitly disavow any intention on their part to be considered responsible for the execution of the resolutions of the conference on account of their having taken part in the deliberations.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Emperor William has written a letter in reply to New Year's address. He dwells upon the political progress which the country has made in recent years. The settlement of Africa, which has been placed under protection of the empire will give an additional outlet to trade. He says the enterprise will give a stimulant to trade and manufactures under the auspices of peace which continue to make gratifying progress.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—Commander Knorr of the German squadron on the coast of West Africa telegraphs that corvettes Olga and Bismarck arrived at Cameroons December 18th and loaded 330 men and 4 guns because the natives of Hickorytown and Coostown had expelled King Bell and threatened to murder him, and they were going to burn Belltown. The expedition entered Hickorytown with little resistance and then attacked Bellstown to rescue the German agent. The troops landed at this point under a heavy fire and immediately stormed the hold. One man was killed and several wounded. Sixty men held the plateau two hours against 400 men firing from the bush. When support arrived they stormed and burned Coostown. The navies meanwhile murdered Herr Pantaneus, the German agent. Subsequently the cruisers bombarded Hickorytown and no further outbreak occurred.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The budget committee of the reichstag had under consideration to-day a question of subsidizing a steamship line to Australia.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The announcement of the desire of New Zealand to annex Samoa has caused a great sensation here. The newspapers consider it certain that Germany and America will vigorously protest against annexation.

CANADA.

QUEBEC, Jan. 9.—The Courier du Canada newspaper, discussing the recent article of the London Times on the Nicaragua canal difficulty, and the possibility of a rupture between England and the United States, adds, that there is no doubt Canada would become a theatre of operations, and we would have a right to protest and refuse to allow ourselves to be slaughtered like sheep. We are asked to endure all calamities and all horrors of war to defend England's interest in Central America. This is really coming it too strong, and prudence will hardly permit us to enter upon so perilous a path.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Gen. Stewart will start from Gakdul on Monday with 9,000 men to march to Metamuch on the Nile near Shendy. The ameer of Sanga, Mhdi's lieutenant, who will oppose Gen. Stewart has been reinforced by tribes sent by Osman Digma from eastern Soudan. These reinforcements raise his number to 8,000.

EASTERN STATES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Miss Louis Ray a teacher in one of the public schools for the past three years resigned last Monday. She has fallen heiress to a large fortune.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Eleven persons were maliciously poisoned at Vanport, Penna., to-day. One of the victims is dead and the recovery of the others is doubtful. The party at which the 11 persons were poisoned was given last night at the residence of Mr. Van Fosser of this city. During the evening coffee was passed around, and soon after drinking it all became violently ill with symptoms of poisoning. Investigation proved this true, as at the bottom of the coffee pot was found three papers of "Rough on Rats." One of the victims, a niece of Van Fosser, died at midnight, and others are not expected to live.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., J